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Dear Sir. The U.S. Ship North Carolina #4 is  
going up the Mediterranean, and I should  
wish to go in her. I have sent <sup>via a line from</sup> Major Douglas and B. F. Stetson the Atto-  
-ney General of the U.S. to the Secretary of  
the Navy, and my friends advise me to  
send them names. I would therefore  
request you to say something like the  
following

The bearer Mr. Oliver Smith under-  
-standing that the U.S. Ship North Carolina  
#4 is about to be sent to see further to go  
in her as a professor of mathematics; and  
we think him a ~~very~~ very suitable per-  
-son for that station. He is a good mathematician  
and understands several of the modern languages, French  
-German and naturalist, and would doubt-  
-less make additions to science by observa-  
-tions and collections. He has made one  
voyage in the same capacity some years  
-since under the command of Captain  
-Tennant, and met his approbation, and  
we think the young officers on board the ship  
might profit by his instructions not only in math-

ematic and practical ~~and~~ & Dignities  
but all also in Natural History and in  
the Spanish and French languages and  
we do recommend him accordingly

I will get Major DeLafrieux to sign  
this and Mr Lawrence the Mayor will  
forward it. I wish to use all the means  
and then I may fail. Mr Cambes is  
not here, though he may be soon, and in  
the case I will get his name. He will  
give it for he knows me -

Use only one sheet of paper; and I will  
tear off the outside. This will save  
postage and will do as well  
to me New York and it will find its way  
Don't delay. Yours truly

Edw. Smith

Dr John Brown

Don't enclose, use only one sheet

